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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

February 19, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA
UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PHASE 2)
SPECS. 6756; C.P. 68811
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that Phase 2 of the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Utility Infrastructure Improvements Project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the revised total project budget of \$1,872,492 for the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Utility Infrastructure Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Department of Public Works to implement Phase 2 of the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Utility Infrastructure Improvement Project

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to complete a second phase of utility infrastructure improvements at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area.

On November 8, 2006, your Board approved a total project budget of \$1,872,492 and authorized advertising for construction bids for the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Fire Protection Water Main project. On January 30, 2007, your Board awarded a construction contract and approved a revised total project budget of \$1,464,541 for the project, which was \$407,951 less than the original project cost estimate of \$1,872,492.

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This first phase of utility infrastructure improvements included the construction of a waterline to provide fire protection for the park facility in accordance with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department requirements, and was completed in September 2007 for a total cost of \$1,339,190, resulting in a total cost savings of \$533,302 from the original project cost estimate.

It is recommended that this cost savings be used to fund a second phase of utility infrastructure improvements that will include repair, maintenance, and upgrade of the existing high-voltage power supply and distribution system serving the park facility, which is currently in poor condition resulting in temporary power outages in the past. The Phase 2 improvements will be completed using a Public Works job order contract.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) and Service Excellence (Goal 1) by investing in public infrastructure that will improve the facilities at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost, including plans and specifications, plan check, construction, utility connection fees, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services, is estimated at \$1,872,492, including \$1,339,190 spent for Phase 1 and \$533,302 for Phase 2, which is consistent with the amount originally budgeted for the project.

The project is funded by \$835,000 from the Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan Special Fund, and \$1,037,492 from the Safe Neighborhood Park Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (Regional Park and Open Space District). Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Project Budget (C.P. 68811) to fund this project. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

The nature of the project involves improvements to existing infrastructure and will not have an impact to the Department of Parks and Recreation's (Parks and Recreation) operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The utility infrastructure improvements related to this project are exempt from a one percent (1%) contribution to the Civic Art Special Fund per the Civic Art Policy adopted

by your Board on December 7, 2004, and are not subject to the Countywide Energy and Environmental Policy adopted by your Board on January 16, 2007.

Due to its technical nature, the use of at-risk youth in the implementation of this project is not feasible.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Phase 2 of the project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (b) and (d), and Section 15302 (c), and the revised County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Report Procedures and Guidelines, Class 1 (e) and Class 2 (e) adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the work will involve replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area is a Federal facility under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and is operated and maintained by Parks and Recreation. As a Federal facility, all projects at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. On January 31, 2008, the United States Army Corps of Engineers determined that Phase 2 of the project is in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act through a categorical exclusion in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.4 and 33 CFR 230.9, and that the project, when considered individually and cumulatively, does not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Construction of Phase 2 of the project will be completed using a Public Works job order contract.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The park facility will remain open to the public during the four-month construction duration for Phase 2 scheduled to begin in February 2008. However, construction of the Phase 2 improvements will require the temporary disruption of power service to the park facilities. The project specifications will require the contractor to coordinate its schedule with the daily functions and activities of the park to minimize disruption of services and to maintain access to the park during construction.

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CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office (Capital Projects), Parks and Recreation, and Public Works (Project Management I).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (Ozie Smith)

February 19, 2008

ATTACHMENT A

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA
UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PHASE 2)
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE (PHASE 2)

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Construction Documents	01/22/08
Jurisdictional Approvals	N/A
Construction Award	02/21/08
Construction Start	02/25/08
Substantial Completion	06/20/08
Final Acceptance	07/25/08

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Current Project Budget
Plans and Specifications	\$ 20,000
Plan Check	\$ 0
Construction	
Construction Contract	\$ 380,000
Change Order Contingency	\$ 78,211
Total Construction	\$ 458,211
Utility Connection Fees	\$ 0
Consultant Services	\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 3,000
County Services	\$ 42,091
TOTAL (PHASE 2)	\$ 533,302
Fire Protection Water Main (PHASE 1)	\$1,339,190
TOTAL	\$1,872,492